

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): An information providing system comprising:

a transmission server section configured to transmit a continuous stream of contents data of a group of multimedia contents including prearranged combinations of program main body data prepared with sorting information annexed thereto and groups of auxiliary materials, ~~the auxiliary materials including at least commercial (CM) data with attributes including at least an effective date;~~

terminal sections having a function of receiving the continuous stream of contents data transmitted from said transmission server section, a function of recording the program main body data and the auxiliary materials received by it, a function of recording the sorting information annexed to said program main body data and said auxiliary materials and a function of transmitting the sorting information annexed to the program main body data and the auxiliary materials selected by it along with ~~the~~ terminal ID information; and

a processing server section configured to detect any change to be made to the auxiliary materials combined with the selected program main body data and, upon detecting such a change, issuing an instruction for the change made to be made to said auxiliary materials to the related terminal section,

wherein said terminal sections are configured to receive the instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials from said processing server section and send, to the processing server section, the conditions for the instruction for the change and an acknowledgment or refusal of the change on the basis of the relationship between the attributes and the profile of the contents clips.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The information providing system according to claim [[25]] 24, wherein said terminal sections have a function of receiving the instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials from said processing server section and recording the instruction for the change before starting the reproduction of said auxiliary materials.

Claim 27 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 26, wherein said terminal sections have a function of recording the instruction for the change from said processing server section and reediting the contents data according to the instruction for the change.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The information providing system according to claim [[25]] 24, wherein upon detecting the existence of revision assisting materials for the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section, said processing server section notifies said terminal section of the existence of revision assisting materials and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the revision assisting materials and the instruction for the revision to said terminal section.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The information providing system according to claim [[25]] 24, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be added to the auxiliary

materials combined with the program main body data selected by said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section, said processing server section notifies said terminal section of the auxiliary materials to be added and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the assisting materials to be added and the instruction for the addition to said terminal section.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The information providing system according to claim ~~[[25]]~~ 24, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be omitted in said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section, said processing server section notifies said terminal section of the auxiliary materials to be omitted and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the instruction for the omission to said terminal section.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The information providing system according to claim ~~[[25]]~~ 24, wherein said processing server section carries out an operation of adding up the contents reproduced at said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The information providing system according to claim ~~[[25]]~~ 24, wherein said processing server section carries out an operation of confirming the copying status of the contents reproduced at said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section.

Claim 33 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 24, further comprising:

an account settlement means for adding up the instructions for changes to be made to the auxiliary materials issued from said processing server section to said terminal section and settling the account according to the result of the adding up operation.

Claims 34-43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising:

transmitting, from a transmission server section, a continuous stream of contents data of a group of multimedia contents including prearranged combinations of program main body data prepared with sorting information annexed thereto and groups of auxiliary materials, ~~the auxiliary materials including at least commercial (CM) data with attributes including at least an effective date;~~

detecting any change to be made to the auxiliary materials combined with the selected program main body data and, upon detecting such a change, issuing an instruction for the change made to be made to said auxiliary materials to an information terminal wherein said information terminal is made to send back the conditions for the instruction for the change and an acknowledgment or refusal of the change; and

said information terminal having a function of receiving the continuous stream of contents data transmitted from said transmission server section, recording the program main body data and the auxiliary materials received by it, recording the sorting information annexed to said program main body data and said auxiliary materials and transmitting the sorting information annexed to the selected program main body data and auxiliary materials along with ~~the~~ terminal ID information.

Claim 45 (Canceled).

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): An information providing method according to claim 44, wherein said information terminal is made to receive the instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials and record the instruction for the change before starting the reproduction of said auxiliary materials

Claim 47 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 46, wherein said information terminal is made to reedit the contents data according to the instruction for the change to be made as received from a processing server section and recorded.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein upon detecting the existence of revision assisting materials for the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information terminal is notified of the existence of revision assisting materials and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, a request is made to send out the revision assisting materials and the instruction for the revision to said information terminal.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be added to the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information terminal is notified of the auxiliary materials to be

added and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, the ~~assisting~~ auxiliary materials to be added and the instruction for the addition are sent out to said terminal section.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): The information providing method according to claim ~~[[45]]~~ 44, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be omitted in said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information terminal is notified of the auxiliary materials to be omitted and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, the instruction for the omission is sent out to said terminal section.

Claim 51 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein an operation of adding up the contents reproduced at said terminal section is carried out according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal.

Claim 52 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein an operation of confirming the copying status of the contents reproduced at said information terminal is carried out according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal.

Claim 53 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein the instructions for changes to be made to the auxiliary materials are added up and the account is settled according to the result of the adding up operation.